

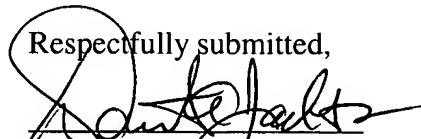
REMARKS

The Specification has been amended to include reference to application number PCT/GB2003/002199 filed on May 21, 2003, which claims priority to Great Britain Application No. 0215374.0 filed on July 3, 2002.

The Claims have been amended to reduce multiple dependencies and to conform claims more closely to U.S. practice.

In this connection, applicant wishes to point out that the claims being treated as original claims for the purposes of this filing and this Preliminary Amendment correspond to the claims submitted to the International Bureau as of August 17, 2004 and that were acknowledged and considered in the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER) mailed January 15, 2004. A separate copy of said claims as filed before the International Bureau is also enclosed and confirmation that said claims are pending herein is requested.

Entry of the foregoing amendments and favorable processing in the National Phase before the United States Patent and Trademark Office is courteously solicited.

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